AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2627 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q78162 Yoshiyuki FUKUMOTO, et al. Appln. No.: 10/697,124 Group Art Unit: 2627 Confirmation No.: 8462 Examiner: Jefferson A. EVANS Filed: October 31, 2003 For: MAGNETORESISTANCE DEVICE WITH A DIFFUSION BARRIER BETWEEN A CONDUCTOR AND A MAGNETORESISTANCE ELEMENT AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS......2